

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
December 4, 2013



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Governor, State of Maine

Bartlett H. Stoodley, Chair
Edwin P. Chester, Esq. Vice Chair

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Ned Chester, Esq., Nicole DeMerritt, Jim Foss, Jacinda Goodwin, Amber Heikkinen, Margaret Longsworth, Pender Makin, Tessa Mosher, Lisa Sandy, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Esq., and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Richard Brown, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Dr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, Carla Knapp, Charles Laverdiere, Randall Liberty, Honorable Charles LaVerdiere, Dan Nichols, Christine Theriault, Dr. Lindsey Tweed, Paul Vestal

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ryan Andersen, Compliance Monitor, Jason Carey, Staff Assistant

The JJAG Meeting was called to order by Barry Stoodley, Chair, at 9:08 A.M. The meeting start time was delayed due to the parking situation.

Barry asked for approval of the October 23rd, 2013 minutes.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the January 23, 2013 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the January 23, 2013 Minutes

Moved: Jim Foss/Patrick Walsh/2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair – Barry Stoodley:

Barry thanks the JJAG membership for its confidence in electing the chair and expresses enthusiasm about the new directions being considered at this point. As the JJAG moved forward, even though the JJAG is a collective, Barry expresses the importance of each voice in the JJAG and ensures that each voice will be heard.

Introductions went around the table.

Before moving on, Barry asked if the agenda, for this day, looks complete. Small suggestions were made.

IV. Outcomes of the JJAG Retreat:

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All but six members took the *State Advisory Group Strength Based Assessment and Matching Survey*. This is a tool to identify the management/leadership styles of JJAG members. As leadership strengths are identified populating committee structures will be more meaningful. Barry read through our list of leaders to illustrate who we have for personnel assets. Many experienced guides are identified in the group and now the JJAG seeks creative builders and people movers.

Barry encourages members to self-select a committee to fit your leadership styles, passion, and knowledge. A member may serve on more than one committee.

Most of the membership prefer face to face. In order to maintain frequency of committee meetings, it is agreed that some form of technology needs to be used. Skype is one of interest along with ITV solutions. Kathryn mentioned there are ITV capacity at all DOC locations. Other locations were offered by members.

New committees were developed at the Retreat and were populated at this meeting as follows:

Disproportionate Minority Contact

Ned Chester, Nickole DeMerritt, Jonathan Shapiro

Marketing & Outreach

Lisa Sandy, Patrick Walsh, Nickole DeMerritt

Training & Education

Margaret Longworth, Pender Makin, Tessa Mosher

Youth Engagement

Jim Foss, Amber Heikkinen, Kam Berry

System Improvement

Christine Thibeault, Jacinda Goodwin, Jonathan Shapiro, Mark Boger, Ned Chester

Those who have not completed the *State Advisory Group Strength Based Assessment and Matching Survey* are encouraged to do so in order to make a good connection to a committee.

There was discussion about having a co-chair on each committee. The Chair of the JJAG will select the Chair of each committee. Members will bring strengths, passion, and skills.

The JJAG will develop structural patterns and plans for committees. Each committee will get ratification from the JJAG in terms of their plan.

Meeting times and locations were discussed. In the past the JJAG has not met in June and July. After some discussion, the group arrived at the following meeting schedule:

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- **January 22 Regular Meeting** (preceded by committee meetings)
- **February 26 Extended Meeting** (full day with Dr. Hutchinson tent.)
- **March 26 Regular Meeting**
- **June 25 Regular Meeting**
- **September 24 Regular Meeting**
- **December 3 Regular Meeting**
- discretionary emergency meeting options in order to meet an obligation of timeliness (a committee or member may request)

The first agenda for each committee will be to take a look at the Three-Year Plan and propose updates: Needs and Problems Statements, relevant program areas, plans for the coming year and a budget. This work must be completed by the February 28th full JJAG meeting in order to meet the OJJDP deadline of March 31st.

Committee chairs will address communication transparency as well as developing timelines and priorities.

A “getting to know you” event for the January meeting was proposed. The hope is that each member gets to know others and develop a greater connection.

It was proposed that JJAG meetings be held at various locations around the state, thus adding meaning to various partners, locations, and people JJAG engages with. Suggestions included the REAL School, the Wayfinder School, and others. If members would like to host a meeting or know of a particular location they should contact Kathryn. The location must have a large meeting room and several break-out rooms for committee meetings.

VI. Juvenile Justice Specialist – Kathryn McGloin:

OJJDP will be holding a Core Requirements Training June 17 - 18, 2014 in Washington, D.C. and The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) meeting will follow June 18 – 21. One JJAG member may attend the OJJDP training. If you are interested please let Kathryn know. In the past Kathryn and one to three members attended the CJJ meeting. While it is open to all members our funding is limited. Again, please let Kathryn know of your interest.

VII. Compliance Monitor – Ryan Andersen:

Ryan visited county jails and 14 police departments along with 5 Cumberland County Sheriff’s substations to classify as secure or non-secure facilities. Each is non-secure. Two district courts were inspected for classification purposes. There are no violations to report this year – however some data is still outstanding. In January Ryan will have a comprehensive annual report prepared for 2013.

2014 DMC Goals for

The total number of officers trained in *Effective Police Interactions with Youth* (EPIY) was 61 and we look to exceed this number in 2014. The plan is to have at least 4

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trainings in 2014. A Bangor training has been proposed to support our officers in northern Maine. The first training of 2014 will be offered at the new police department in Brunswick. Auburn and Portland have been approached to host a training. We will work to have the EPIY training certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The aim is to make EPIY available to all police officers.

VIII. Committee/Department Reports:

- DMC – Ned Chester: Personnel issues to be worked out later this day.
- Legislative Committee – Christine Thibeault: Christine and Ned are working with others on a Not Responsible by Reason of Insanity plea for juveniles. We are unsure of the status of LD 1513, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor To Support the Statewide Coordinated Services District System" Sponsored by Senator Anne Haskell. We understand that the committee will vote *Ought Not to Pass* at a December 11, 2013 hearing of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee of the Legislature.
- Dept. of Public Safety – Jonathan Shapiro: The Restorative Justice for Domestic Violence program curriculum was forwarded to Caring Unlimited. Domestic violence data shows that victim caring efforts have improved. Jonathan notes a positive paradigm shift in the way we deal with issues of domestic violence. Jonathan has been working with the JCRB (Juvenile Community Review Board) to establish groundwork to use them as a resource for information. Jonathan noted that he is in a situation where parents and others are calling him, pre-crisis, and so is able to act as a resource to direct people to the right places before situations elevate.
- Communications Committee – Patrick Walsh: Patrick looks forward to new momentum.

IX. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The next meeting will be January 29, 2013 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.